



Alamo Area Paralegal Association, Inc. is accepting scholarship applications from **April 19 to May 10, 2011**. Up to three educational grants may be awarded at the **June 21, 2011** AAPA CLE luncheon; one in each of the following categories:

- 1) Scholarship for **professional certification exam** (CLA/CP and/or TBLS). The Fee for the Certified Paralegal examination is \$250 for NALA Members and \$275 for non-members of NALA; award up to half the fee; **\$125.00**.
- 2) Scholarship for **paralegal training** to be used toward payment of tuition for classes to obtain a paralegal degree or certificate. Tuition is \$1,600 per course; award up to **\$200.00**; and
- 3) Scholarship for cost of attendance of **five AAPA CLE luncheons** of your choice, approximately **\$100** value.

Rules/Restrictions for Scholarship Applications:

- A. Applicant must be a current **Voting, Associate, or Student** member of AAPA.
- B. One application per applicant. Applicants may apply for scholarship in more than one category.
- C. Applicant must provide a written essay on a topic listed in **Section VII** of the application (two-pages, doubled-spaced)
- D. If applicant is applying for a paralegal training scholarship and is currently enrolled, a copy of applicant's current training/college program transcript is required. [Does not need to be a "certified" copy.]
- E. Applications postmarked after **May 10, 2011** will not be considered.

Any application that does not meet these guidelines will not be considered. Awarding of any scholarship is at the discretion of the Scholarship Program Committee and Board of Directors.

Winner of the first scholarship category must submit proof of certification exam or tuition registration fees in order to receive award disbursement. Funds must be used within **one year from the date the scholarship is awarded** or funds will be forfeited.

Vouchers will be issued to the winner of the five AAPA CLE luncheons. Vouchers must be **redeemed within one year from the date scholarship is awarded**.

2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. AAPA Information

AAPA Membership Number: _____ Membership Level: _____

II. General Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

III. Scholarship Request: Please complete the section(s) applicable to the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.

A.: Complete this section only if applying for professional certification exam or maintenance of designation costs. [2-Page Essay Required. Refer to Section VII]

Please circle the **one** item for which you are requesting scholarship monies:

Certification Exam Sitting Fee

Please circle the **one** exam/designation you intend to take/maintain with this award:

NALA Certified Legal Assistant/Certified Paralegal Exam (CLA/CP)

NFPA Paralegal Advanced Competency/Registered Paralegal Exam (PACE/RP)

Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS) Exam

Date of Exam: _____

Sitting Fee: \$ _____ Maintenance Fee: \$ _____

B.: Complete this section only if your are applying for the paralegal training scholarship, or costs for non-AAPA CLE. (Applicants currently enrolled must attach a copy of their current college/training program transcript – does not need to be a certified copy.) [Two-Page Essay Required. Refer to Section VII]

If applying for the paralegal training program scholarship, please circle your Degree Program of interest:

Associate Degree Bachelors/Masters Degree Paralegal Certificate Non-AAPA CLE

If currently enrolled, please complete the following information:

College/Program Name: _____

College/Program Address: _____

Program Director: _____ Phone: _____

Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

Estimated Graduation Date: _____

How long have you been in this program? _____

Current Enrollment Status: new student part-time full-time graduate

What will be your status next term/semester? _____

If applying for the non-AAPA CLE scholarship, please list the area(s) of law for which you intend to seek CLE. _____

C: Complete this section only if applying for the scholarship for cost of attendance of five (5) AAPA CLE luncheons of your choice.

Have you previously attended AAPA Luncheons: Yes No

Please write a short paragraph explaining why AAPA luncheons are important to you and why/how you could benefit from the scholarship?:

IV. Work History:

Please provide the name, address, and phone number of your current employer and supervisor:

Please briefly describe your current and past legal work experience:

V. Education History:

Please provide the name, city and state of the High School from which you graduated:

High School	Date of Graduation
_____	_____
_____	_____

If instead you obtained your GED, please provide information on when and where your GED was obtained:

Where Obtained	Date Obtained
_____	_____
_____	_____

If you have attended college, please provide the following information:

College Name and Location	Degree(s)	Date of Graduation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

VI. Activities

List all club memberships, including professional, school, civic, community service, honorary, and fraternal organizations:

Please list all volunteer work:

List all hobbies, talents or interests:

Please describe your professional career goals:

VII. Essay

Submit a typed, double-spaced, two-page essay on one of the following topics. *Applications submitted without an essay will not be considered.*

- Why I have chosen, or why I would like, to be a Paralegal?;
- Why Professional Certification is important to me and its benefits to the paralegal profession?;
- Why Continuing Legal Education is important for the paralegal profession?;
- How involvement in AAPA has made me a better paralegal;
- My career goals;
- My favorite community service project, including how and why I participate in this project.
- What do paralegals contribute to the legal team?; or
- Why AAPA is important to me.

VIII. Authorization and Certification

Should you receive this award, your picture may be published in our newsletter and/or on the website in an effort to promote this scholarship? If this is ***not*** acceptable, initial here _____

I, _____, hereby authorize the Scholarship Program Committee to contact my employer or school, if necessary, for additional information for the Scholarship Program Application. I have read and understand the attached Scholarship Program Criteria. I understand that all applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Program Committee. I certify that the above information is true and correct and that in compliance with the attached Scholarship Criteria. I am submitting with this application the appropriate supporting documents, including the written essay as required by Section VII.

Signature of Applicant

Date

**Mail completed application, supporting documents and essay to:
Scholarship Program Committee
AAPA
P.O. Box 90037
San Antonio, Texas 78209**

DEADLINE: Friday, May 10, 2011